## ABSTRACT

Vertical take-off aircraft (1) has first (4) and second (17) lifting means mechanism (eg helicopter-type rotors, jets, turboprops) arranged in tandem, either above or outboard of ends (2, 3). Lifting means mechanisms (4, 17) are independently tiltable, in multiple directions, by hydraulic rams (11, 13, 14, 16, 24, 26, 27, 29) to manoeuvre aircraft (1). In particular first lifting means mechanism (4) may be tilted in the opposite transverse direction to second lifting means mechanism (17) so as to alter direction of flight. First lifting means mechanism (4) may be tilted by further hydraulic rams so that its rotor lies in a vertical plane for forward flight of aircraft (1).